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I enclose a copy of a note on the Benares Hindu University - Kashi Vidyapith - Rishi Valley Communist group in the Mysore State.

It looks as if H.P. Ramaswamy alias Narendranath of Hassan might be as dangerous as M.S. Rama Rao and his detention will have to be considered. Unfortunately we know nothing about his activities from the time he left the Benares Hindu University in June 1940 until his identity was discovered in September last.

Yours sincerely,

The Dept may be requested to detail a special individual to ascertain their interviews with Ramaswamy & Narendranath by this Report & furnish the Dewan's office the required details

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Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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To the Secretary

Serial No.

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Letter No. 11 Dated 13.1.42
from the Dy. Supdt. of Police
forwarding a copy of the special report
regarding the activities of H.P. Ramakrishna
alias Narendranath, living in Hassan.
Submitted for perusal with respects.

This special report was called under
orders of the Law Minister dated 22.12.41
on the P.U.D.

15/1/42 Law Minister

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CHIEF SECRETARY
16 JAN. 1942
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THE BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY - KASHI VIDYAPITH,
RISHI VALLEY COMMUNIST GROUP IN THE MYSORE STATE.

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In 1937 Ananthasubba Rao, an employee of the " Tai Nadu " newspaper of Bangalore, was reported to be corresponding with two persons named Narendranath and Vimal Sen at Benares with regard to Communist literature. The Benares Police, who were addressed, replied that a Karnatak named Narendranath and a Sinhalese named Vimal Sen, were studying at the Kashi Vidyapith. The matter was not pursued and nothing more was heard of Narendranath until June 1939 when information was received that one Narendranath of 32 Balepet, Bangalore City, was trying to form branches of the Progressive Writers' Association in Mysore and to obtain subscribers to its organ " The New Indian Literature."

Attempts to trace Narendranath at this time were unsuccessful, but in May 1941 when N. Rajasekhara Reddi of Ananthapur, who had been actively engaged in securing recruits for the Communist party while he was a student ø at the Benares Hindu University, was arrested and sent to the detention camp at Deoli, the following names and addresses were found in one of his note books:-

Narendranath c/o B.N. Krishnaswamy,
32 Balepet, Bangalore City.

S.R. Subba Rao, National High School,
Basavangudi, Bangalore.

B.V. Ramaswamy, Extension, Nanjangud,
Mysore District.

Further enquiries were made and in September, 1941, Narendranath was located at Hassan, and his -

and his real name was found to be H.P. Ramaswamy, son of Putta Jois of Hassan. He was kept under surveillance for a time and on the 20th November his house was searched under Section 7 of the Mysore Public Security Act simultaneously with the house searches of other suspected Communists.

On being interrogated H.P. Ramaswamy alias Narendranath stated that after passing the Middle School Examination from Hassan in 1931 he spent some time in Bangalore and then went to Benares. After passing the Matriculation Examination of the Benares Hindu University he joined the Kashi Vidyapith under the assumed name of Narendranath and for the next five years read for an Honours degree in Economics. He adopted the name Narendranath because it had been the original name of Swami Vivekananda. In the Summer of 1939 he returned to Bangalore and stayed with his uncle, B.N. Krishnaswamy at 32, Balepet, Bangalore City, for a few weeks, returning to Benares in July. When he returned to Bangalore in October 1939, his uncle had moved to 121, Killari Road, Bangalore City. He left for Benares after a month to continue his studies and finally returned to Bangalore in May or June 1940. After a few weeks there he moved to Hassan.

At Benares he was the Secretary of the Progressive Writers' Association from 1938 - 1940 and in 1938 was one of the Secretaries of the Students' Federation, Allahabad. He was also a member of the Left Book Club, London. He was not able to organise a Progressive Writers' Association in Mysore and failed to secure any subscribers to the " The New Indian Literature. "

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From the correspondence seized during the search of his house it is clear that he has been in contact with the following Communists and suspected Communists:-

1) N. Rajasekhara Reddi, under detention in Deoli Camp,

2) M.A. Narasimhan, Appajappa's Agrahar, Bangalore City.

3) B.V. Ramaswamy, Nanjangud.

4) N.D. Shankar, under detention in Chickmagalur District Lock-up,

5) M.S. Rama Rao, under detention in Hassan Jail,

6) C.B. Monniah of Coorg, externed from Mysore State,

7) K.V.N. Iyengar of Tumkur,

8) T. Nagi Reddi, under detention in Madras Presidency,

9) Jagannath Bhattacharya of the Communist Party of India,

10) Romesh Chandra Sinha of the Communist Party of India,

11) Pramod Lahiri,

12) Tripathi, Secretary of the Congress Socialist Party, Benares,

13) S. Husain Zaheer,

14) Rustomji Satin and others.

~~MxRxxRamaswamy~~ H.P. Ramaswamy admits that he believes in the theory of Communism and the following books were found in his house:-

1) " The New Age " (June 1939),

2) " Before the Revolt " (Spain) and

3) " Why Hitler in Germany?"

He has maintained close touch with M.S. Rama Rao whom he has been visiting in the Hassan Jail, where the latter is detained, and also in hospital.

This should be recorded
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He admitted that he had brought this pamphlet with him from Benares where such pamphlets are often distributed among the students of the University.

M.A. Narasimhan went to Krishnarajanagar to see M.S. Rama Rao on the day the latter was taken to Shimoga Jail after his arrest.

B.V. RAMASWAMY of Nanjangud whose name was found in the note book of N. Rajasekhara Reddi, is the son of Mr. B.V. Pandit of Nanjangud in the Mysore District. After passing the Intermediate examination in 1937 at Mysore he joined the Benares Hindu University and took his M.Sc degree in 1941. At Benares he came into contact with N. Rajasekhara Reddi, K.V.N. Iyengar of Tumkur, M.A. Narasimhan, H.P. Ramaswamy alias Narendranath and M.S. Rama Rao whom he also knew as a fellow resident of Nanjangud. His contacts with M.S. Rama Rao, N. Rajasekhara Reddi and K.V.N. Iyengar still continue as is evident from letters written to him by N. Rajasekhara Reddi from Agra Jail.

His house was searched on 20-11-41 and two letters from N. Rajasekhara Reddi were seized. While he admits acquaintance with M.S. Rama Rao, M.A. Narasimhan and N. Rajasekhara Reddi, he denies that he is himself interested in Communism.

K.V.N. IYENGAR of Kadaba, Tumkur District, is still studying at Benares and has not come to notice in the Mysore State.

S.R. SUBBA RAO whose name was mentioned in the note book of N. Rajasekhara Reddi is now a clerk in the National High School, Bangalore City. In April 1939 he was conducting Physical Culture classes at Hindupur

at Hindupur in the Ananthapur District and it was here that he met N. Rajasekhara Reddi who was attending the classes. His conduct in Mysore has not given rise to any suspicion.

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R. RAMACHANDRAN is a Madrasi Brahmin at present employed in the dyeing department of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Bangalore. He has not exhibited any Communist tendencies so far.

The only other Mysorean whose name came to light during the search of the Rishi Valley School was

B.R. RAGHUNATHA RAO, whose address was given as c/o B. Ramachandra Rao, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore City. He joined the Rishi Valley School in 1937 and studied there until March 1941. He is now at Bangalore, studying in the Intermediate College. His father, B. Ramachandra Rao, is a retired Postal Official of the Burma Service.

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Raghunatha Rao's house was searched on the 11th July 1941 but no objectionable correspondence or books were found. While at the Rishi Valley School he was a monthly subscriber to the Andhra Provincial Communist Party and was getting Communist literature from Bombay in private covers.

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No. 2335/CO

30.12.41

My dear Peel,

Please refer to your Secret D.O. letter No.148/40-41/S.B. dated the 20th Decr. 1941 stating that nothing is known about the activities of H. P. Ramaswamy alias Narendranath of Hassan from the time he left the Benares Hindu University in June 1940 until his identity was discovered in Septr. last. I am desired to request you to kindly ~~detail~~ depute a ~~special officer~~ Southern Police officer to ascertain further particulars about this person as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

MK 29/12/41

Chief Secy.

E. G. B. Peel, Esqr., C.I.E.,
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Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

No. 2336/CB 30.12.41

My dear Mr. Monteiro,

It has been brought to the notice of Govt. that Messrs. M.S.Rama Rao, who has been detained in the Hassan Jail as well as N.D.Shankar, who is detained in Chickmagalur District Lock-up, are permitted to receive visitors. I am to point out in this connection that the rules should be strictly enforced in the matter of interviews, and that persons of doubtful identity and those holding extreme political views should not be permitted to interview these detenues. A copy of this communication has been sent to the District Magistrates of Hassan and Kadur Districts also.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secy.

V.V.Monteiro, Esqr., M.B.,B.S., F.R.F.P.S., etc.,
Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.

No 2337-38/CB ... 30.12.41

Copy to the District Magistrate, Hassan,
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No. 2336/C.B

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Memo No. 2337-38/CB dt 30.12.41

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the District Magistrate, Hassan/Kadur District.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

Q. No. 148/40-41/S.B
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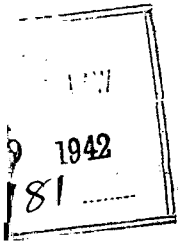
G. B. PEEL, ESQ., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
In Mysore.

BANGALORE
January 7, 1942.

My dear Kesavaiengar.



With reference to my D. O. letter No. 148/40-41/SB dated 22/25-2-41, I enclose a copy of a continuation Note on the Communist Group in the Mysore State.

In this connection, please see my letters No. 148/40-41/SB. dated 19/20th December 1941, and No. SB.5/41-42 dated 2-1-1942.

Yours sincerely,
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Rajasevaprasakta
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Mysore, Bangalore.

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Continuation note on the Communist Group in the Mysore State.

(To be read in conjunction with the original note of 25-2-1941 and the separate notes on "The Benares Hindu University - Kashi Vidyapith - Rishi Valley Communist Group in the Mysore State" and "Labour agitation in the Kolar Gold Field and the Communist Group behind it" dated 20-12-1941 and 2-1-1942 respectively.)

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During searches conducted early in 1941 in the Rishi Valley School in the Chittoor District of the Madras Presidency in connection with a Communist conspiracy then being investigated by the Madras C.I.D., the names of certain youths belonging to the Mysore State were found in note books and diaries of suspects in that case. For this reason and because it had been alleged by a prominent industrialist that Bangalore was now " the spear-head of Communist unrest in India" it was decided to place an experienced Police Officer on special duty with a view to ascertaining the extent of the Communist movement in the Mysore State at the present time.

As far back as April 1938 information had been received from a secret source that a " Communist Cell" existed in Bangalore, the members of which were:-

(1) S.V. Narayanamurthy,
(2) C.B. Monniah of Coorg,
(3) K. Srinivasa Murthy and
(4) S.V. Ramanna, brother of No. (1).

S.V. NARAYANAMURTHY was a close associate of the ~~the~~ S. Ramaswamy mentioned in the earlier note, who had received his training in Communism from Yusuf Mehr Ali

and

and others in Bombay in 1933. He is now an operator in the Cooling Plant at the Oorgaum Mine (Kolar Gold Field) and careful enquiries there have failed to disclose any recent political activity on his part.

C.B. MONNIAH; also mentioned in the earlier note, is still active and dangerous. Though he has been externed from the Mysore State and from the C. & M. Station, Bangalore, he constantly visits Kuppam, situated in the Chittoor District of the Madras Presidency only a few miles from Kolar Gold Field, whence he does his best to incite the miners against the Management.

K. SRINIVASA MURTHY until recently was working as a contractor in the Mandya District but has now returned to Mysore City owing to ill-health. He has not come to notice in connection with any political activities since 1939.

S.V. RAMANNA, alias Ramaswamy, is the brother of S.V. Narayana Murthy. An elder brother is said to be in the Indian Air Force at Delhi and he himself was accepted for training by the Director of Civil Aviation but was discharged when his antecedents became known and is now unemployed.

Of the other persons connected with the Mass Awakeners' Union between 1935 and 1937, whose names have not already been mentioned, T.S. Subbanna is alone worth mention. He is a resident of Mysore City and was convicted during the Civil Disobedience Movement of 1932. He became the Secretary of the Mass Awakeners' Union in April 1938 and in 1939 took part in the agitation among the employees of the Railway Workships in Mysore, when he and S. Ramaswami already mentioned, were convicted. In the same year he was found to be corresponding with Subhas Chandra Bose. For his mischievous activities during the Municipal elec-

and others in Bombay in 1928. He is now an observer in the Socialist Flat at the Congress [illegible] Khaled) and overall activities there and is also close any rece t politic l activity on its part.

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-tions at Krishnarajanagar in the Mysore District in October 1940 he was bound over under Section 107 Cr.P.C. Since then he has shown no signs of political activity.

Of the nine persons mentioned in the earlier note as composing the Communist Group,

N.D. SHANKAR is in jail, having been detained under the Defence of India Rules for promoting a strike at the Bhadravathi Iron and Steel Works.

M.S. RAMA RAO has been similarly detained under the Defence of India Rules.

C.B. MONNIAH is mentioned above.

S. RAMASWAMY's house in Bangalore was searched recently, simultaneously with the house searches of other suspected Communists, and he was subsequently interrogated but without any useful result. He has no settled employment and does not appear to be interesting himself in politics at present but in view of his antecedents he requires careful watching.

B. KRISHNAMURTHY died in September 1941.

K.S. KUMARAN has been externed from the Bangalore and Shimoga Districts and is the active organiser of the "Progressive Party" of the Mysore Congress in the Mysore District.

PRABHU DEV has been externed from the Mysore State.

Two other agitators who should have been mentioned in this connection are :-

A.Z. SHERIFF & M.A. PARSURAM.

The former, an ex-clerk of the Mysore High Court, was a close associate of N.D. Shankar, K.S. Kumaran,

M.S. Rama Rao and M.A. Parasuram. He took a leading part in the strike at Binny's Mills in January 1941 and was externed from the Bangalore District. He left for Dharwar in the Bombay Presidency and is now undergoing sentence in the Dharwar Jail for disobeying a deportation order issued by the Bombay Government.

M.A. PARASURAM is a native of Conjeevaram in the Chingleput District of the Madras Presidency. He was employed in Binny's Mills and was externed from the Mysore State in 1939 for fomenting trouble between the workers and the Management.

Reference may also be made here to :

M.S. KRISHNAN, son of Mr. M.A. Srinivasachar, Retired Superintending Engineer, of 99 Sri Ranga, Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore City. This youth was studying for his B.Sc. in the Loyola College at Madras and is now at the Engineering College, Bangalore. He is a member of the Students' Federation and an intimate friend of V. Chandrasekharan, s/o Sir C.V. Raman. It is alleged that he was deputed by members of the Madras Students' Federation to prosecute anti-war propaganda in the Mysore State under the cloak of a literacy campaign.

V.CHANDRASEKHARAN was arrested on 6-3-41 in connection with the Coimbatore Communist Conspiracy case. He is alleged to have been a member of the Madras branch of the Communist Party of India. He was released on parole on an undertaking given by his parents, with whom he is now living in the C. & M. Station, Bangalore.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

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E. G. B. PEEL, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

CS. 12-41-99 BANGALORE
January 13, 1942.

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 2335/CB. dated 30th December 1941, I enclose a copy of the report of Inspector Mr. P.S. Narasimhachar of the Special Branch.

Rajasevaprasakta

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore.

Report dated 10-1-1942 of Mr. P.S. Narasimhachar, B.A.,
Police Inspector, Special Branch in Mysore,
regarding H.P. RAMASWAMY a NARENDRANATH.

H.P. RAMASWAMY a NARENDRANATH states that he returned to Hassan in June 1940 from Benares and has been staying there since then. Occasionally he goes to Bangalore to see his maternal uncles Messrs: B.N. Krishnaswami and B.N. Ramaswami. While at Hasssan he invariably attends almost every day the Coronation Club, of which he is a member, and engages himself there in reading books, magazines, newspapers, etc. Now and then he goes to Jodi Tattekere near by where there are some lands belonging to his undivided family to supervise agricultural operations. He has no particular friends at Hassan and does not even associate himself with any political agitators there. The income from the lands is hardly sufficient for the maintenance of the family. Enquiries made both at Hassan and Bangalore also disclose that since June 1940 H.P. Ramaswamy is staying at Hassan and usually spends his time in the Coronation Club reading books, etc. He often goes to Jodi Tattekere and supervises agricultural operations on his lands. He is not seen mixing with political agitators there or attending political meetings. He is an insignificant man there and does not command any influence also. Arrangements made to watch his movements and activities are still continuing.

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Office of the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore.

Tele {gram : Senorgen. / phone : No. 2462.

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Bangalore, dated the 17th February 1942.

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FROM

V. V. MONTEIRO, ESQ., M.B.B.S., F.R.F.P.S. (GLAS.), L.D.S (ENG.),
Offg. *Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore,*
BANGALORE.

Hm 2 18/2/42
To

The Secretary to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that in the light of the instructions issued by the Chief Secretary to Government in his letter No.2336/C.B. dated 30th Dec.1941, the Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur Districts were requested to see that persons of doubtful identity and those holding extreme political view are not alloed to interview the Detenues in their Districts. The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, now reports that one Mr. R. Venkataramiah who belongs to the Mysore Congress party was refused permission to interview the detenue, N.D.Shankar in the District Lockup at Chickmagalur and that it is confidentially ascertained that this detenue has expressed that he would go on a fast if Mr. Venkataramiah is again refused permission, to interview him. A copy of letter No.J.1.P.R. 420/41 dated the 16th February 42 together with a copy of its enclosure received from the Deputy Commissioner is enclosed for the information of Government.

CS 12-41-98 (Flag K)

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most ob dient servant,

M Ehsanullah Hm Asst.
for Offg. Inspector General of Prisons.
(Absent from Station).

For perusal
Minister for Law & Devan)
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Letter No.J1.P.R.420/41 dated the 16th February 1942 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, Chick-Magalur, to the Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to enclose for your information an extract from the Special Branch report for the week ended the 12th February 1942 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur District, regarding the alleged threat of a fast by the detenue, N.D.Shankar, if permission is again refused for Mr.M.R.Venkataramiah to interview him. Such permission was refused in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter No.558-12 dated 6-1-1942, as Mr.Venkataramiah belongs to the Mysore Congress party.

Special Branch report Kadur District for the week ending 12th February 42 received from the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur Dist, Chickmagalur.

N.D.Shankar:-

"Extract."

In view of the recent refusal of permission(by the District Magistrate, Kadur District) for Mr.M.Venkataramiah Manager Khadi Bandar, Chickmagalur to interview N.D.Shankar in the District Lockup, Chickmagalur, it is confidentially ascertained that N.D.Shankar is reported to have expressed that he would go on a fast if permission is again refused for Mr.R.Venkataramiah, to interview him.

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M.Ehsanulla Khan Asst.

For Inspector General of Prisons.

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